

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, claims 13-15 were objected to because of "informalities" identified by the Examiner, which have been corrected by the above amendments to these claims.

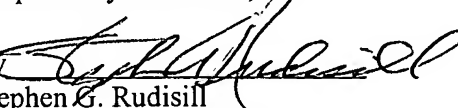
Claims 1-9, 11-13 and 15 were rejected under either 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on the basis of Bilas 5,233,511, which is assigned to the assignee of the present application. Both of the independent claims 1 and 12 in this application have been amended to specifically recite that the enclosure had "an accessible front exterior surface," and that the communications port is mounted "on said front exterior surface." The Bilas patent does not disclose any such communications port. Original dependent claim 9 recited that "said network port is mounted to and accessible at said front surface," and the Office Action alleged that the language of claim 9 was met by a "communications port" 38 "mounted to and accessible at said front surface (shown in fig. 3)." However, item 38 in the Bilas patent is a "termination board" that Fig. of Bilas shows located inside Bilas' enclosure 10 at the rear of that enclosure, and it is not on the front exterior surface of that enclosure. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 12 as presently amended clearly distinguish over the Bilas patent.

Claims 10 and 14 were rejected under either 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the basis of Bilas 5,233,511 in combination with Dearborn. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested for the same reasons set forth above with respect to the Bilas patent. The Dearborn patent publication does not overcome any of the shortcomings pointed out for the Bilas patent with respect to the claims as now amended.

Original claim 9 has been cancelled, claims 2-8 and 10-11 are dependent on the amended claim 1, and claims 13-15 are dependent on the amended claim 12. Thus, it is believed that all the claims now presented in this application are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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